

Ladd Biro's Top 35 Quarterbacks

Rankings are based on each player's projected position by the end of the 2007 season. This is a value ranking, NOT a recommended draft order. Certain players may be drafted significantly higher or lower based upon their perceived value to other owners. Stats listed are from 2006.

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Levels		Elite	Near Elite	Solid	Marginal	Do Not Draft		
Rank	Player	Team	GS	Pass Yards	Pass TDs	INTs	Rush TDs	Comment
1	Peyton Manning	IND	16	4,397	31	9	4	With the possible exception of LT, there is no more reliable or low-risk player in fantasy football. Selecting him in the top half of the first round is not advised, but he should be the first non-RB off the board. Most shocking stat from '06: 4 rushing TDs, second only to Vince Young!
2	Drew Brees	NO	16	4,418	26	11	0	What's not to like? Though Joe Horn has departed, Brees didn't miss a beat when he was out injured much of last season. With Reggie Bush as much a receiver as a runner, his arsenal is loaded.
3	Carson Palmer	CIN	16	4,035	28	13	0	Look for another superlative season in a high-octane offense. He put his injury worries to rest last year, so bank on more passing heroics with his elite WRs.
4	Marc Bulger	STL	16	4,301	24	8	0	Finally completed an entire season without injury in '06. If he does so again, he'll be one of the most reliable fantasy producers in the league. Leads a perennially prolific offense.
5	Tom Brady	NE	16	3,529	24	12	0	He has been a fantasy star for years in spite of his mediocre receiving corps. The sky's the limit now with Moss, Stallworth and Welker, provided they quickly establish a strong rapport.
6	Tony Romo	DAL	10	2,903	19	13	0	The Cowboys are banking on him, and you can, too. His decision-making should improve, and he is virtually certain to put up big yards, and 20+ TDs, in this offense. Project his '06 stats in 10 starts over 16 games, and you get 4,645 yards and 30 TDs!
7	Donovan McNabb	PHI	10	2,647	8	6	3	The loss of Donte Stallworth hurts, but Kevin Curtis is an intriguing addition. The biggest concern, of course, is with his health. He'll be one of the best as long as he's under center. But his injury risk is high.
8	Jon Kitna	DET	16	4,208	21	22	2	Yet another offseason of high hopes prevails in Detroit. Don't drink the "10 wins" Kool Aid, but Kitna will surely be very busy unloading the ball to his stellar receiving corps. INTs are his biggest liability.
9	Matt Leinart	ARI	11	2,547	11	12	2	Lots of reasons to believe he'll be a fantasy force in '07: the best young WR corps in the league, a premier RB, an OL that has improved on paper, at least, and a defense that gives up points by the truckload. He's no sure thing, but few have Leinart's upside.
10	Matt Hasselbeck	SEA	12	2,442	18	15	0	When healthy, Hasselbeck has been steady, if unspectacular. Deion Branch must step up to fill the major void left by Darrell Jackson's departure. He'll be better in '06 with a healthy Shaun Alexander running behind him.
11	Philip Rivers	SD	16	3,388	22	9	0	Has great upside in his second full season as the starter. If his WR corps blossoms, Rivers could flirt with elite fantasy status.
12	Ben Roethlisberger	PIT	15	3,513	18	23	2	A major disappointment in '06, following a horrific offseason. Which Big Ben will appear in '07? With an emerging star in Santonio Holmes, and one of the game's best possession receivers in Hines Ward, he's a mid-round gamble worth taking.
13	Jay Cutler	DEN	5	1,001	9	5	0	With no more need for a Plummer, it's all Cutler's show now. He'll falter at times, and will miss the steadying influence of Rod Smith. But he'll be an above-average fantasy passer in this run-first offense bolstered by the arrival of Travis Henry.
14	Alex Smith	SF	16	2,890	16	16	2	Another third-year QB with great expectations, he's a genuine sleeper with substantial upside, especially if he gels quickly with newcomer Darrell Jackson.
15	Eli Manning	NYG	16	3,244	24	18	0	He has his moments, but predicting when they'll come is every Eli owner's nightmare. Without Tiki Barber to lean on, this offense could have trouble. Best to let someone else take the chance.
16	Vince Young	TEN	13	2,199	12	13	7	He has a cast of no-name receivers, big questions at RB and a so-so line protecting him. Even Superman has his limits. Rushing TDs help.
17	Rex Grossman	CHI	16	3,193	23	20	0	The problem with drafting Good Rex is that Bad Rex comes along for the ride. Knowing which Rex will play in any given week is nearly impossible.
18	Brett Favre	GB	16	3,885	18	18	1	No longer an every-week starter, Favre can still air it out, and has a pair of underrated WRs in Donald Driver and Greg Jennings. A solid QB2, but the INTs can be a killer.

19	Jeff Garcia	TB	6	1,309	10	2	0	Can he conjure up more magic as a Buc? Possibly, but while he may help them win more, he is unlikely to be a steady fantasy contributor. And his starting job is not exactly the most secure in the league.
20	Jake Delhomme	CAR	13	2,805	17	11	0	Should get off to a decent start given the Panthers' easy early schedule, but don't be surprised if David Carr replaces him mid-year if he stumbles.
21	Steve McNair	BAL	16	3,050	16	12	1	See those stats to the left? Figure on nearly identical production this year, assuming he survives for all 16 games.
22	Chad Pennington	NYJ	16	3,352	17	16	0	No one was more shocked than me by his renaissance in '06. No one will be more shocked if he can keep it going for 16 games in '07.
23	J.P. Losman	BUF	16	3,051	19	14	1	Faces a brutal 6-game stretch to open the season, so it would be wiser to buy low in October than to spend a draft pick on him. He showed promise last year, but will be limited by Buffalo's anemic offense.
24	Trent Green	MIA	8	1,342	7	9	0	He was pretty awful after returning from his devastating concussion in '06. It's a big stretch to think he can produce consistently in the Dolphins' mediocre offense.
25	Matt Schaub	HOU	0	208	1	2	0	Put him in Indy or Cinci and I'm interested. In Houston, all I can see is a body of work that consists of 161 pass attempts, 6 TDs and 6 INTs. Call me skeptical.
26	Jason Campbell	WAS	7	1,297	10	6	0	A great unknown with very limited upside and tons of downside.
27	Byron Leftwich	JAX	6	1,159	7	5	2	Has yet to play a full 16-game season, and now the rumblings are that he won't make it through 2007 as the starter even if he avoids injury.
28	Damon Huard	KC	8	1,878	11	1	0	His extremely impressive TD-to-INT ratio still may not be enough to keep Brodie Croyle on the bench.
29	Joey Harrington	ATL	11	2,236	12	15	0	Was no more impressive in Miami than he was in Detroit. The third team will not be the charm.
30	Tarvaris Jackson	MIN	2	475	2	4	1	Remind me to whom he's throwing again?
31	Daunte Culpepper	OAK	4	929	2	3	1	At least we know where he'll be playing. Now it's time to guess how long before he goes down behind that porous offensive line. Would be an intriguing late-round flier, but his days as a fantasy star are well behind him.
32	Charlie Frye	CLE	13	2,454	10	17	3	Should hold down the fort until Brady Quinn is ready. You deserve better than a caretaker.
33	Jamarcus Russell	OAK	*	*	*	*	*	Not this year. Maybe not even next year if he continues his hold-out.
34	David Garrard	JAX	10	1,735	10	9	0	Garrard will be one buckled knee removed from the starting job. Again, that doesn't make him roster-worthy for any but the neediest of teams.
35	Brodie Croyle	KC	0	23	0	2	0	Just waiting for Huard to falter. You should wait, too.